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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 21-31 July 1995.

21 July 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

3. At 0915 hours on 21 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1055 hours.

22 July 1995

Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Chabaish.

23 July 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 1150 hours on 23 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1217 hours.

24 July 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 24 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0925 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1115 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1222 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1342 hours.

25 July 1995

1. Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Shanafiyah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. On 25 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1027 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1212 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1130 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1212 hours.

26 July 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Artawi and Rifa'i.

27 July 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 81 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Salman, Artawi, Busayyah, Hamzah and Ushbayjah.

3. On 27 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1405 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1600 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1707 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1858 hours.

28 July 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Safwan and Shu'aybah.

29 July 1995

1. Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Khidr, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

2. At 0555 hours on 29 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0700 hours.

30 July 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 30 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1045 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1157 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1315 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1450 hours.

31 July 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, and Busayyah.

3. On 31 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1020 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1312 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1310 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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